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CITY SCHOOL BONDS SOLD FOR 97 CENTS

Twenty Acres Bought West Side of Town on Which to Erect the Building.

Friday the \$20,000 in bonds voted by the city over a year ago were sold to Jackson parties for 97 cents on the dollar and the purchasers to pay all incidental expenses. While this is a sale below par on the face, it is in reality slightly above par for in such sales there is usually connected an attorney's fee of \$500 for passing on the validity of the issue and compiling the conditions that must be printed in the face of the bonds. It is also usual to pay \$150 for the printing and the custom is for the corporation or persons who sell to meet these expenses. So, it will be seen that the bonds in fact brought \$50 more than par, all conditions considered.

About two weeks ago C. H. Little, who represented J. B. Tigrett & Company, Jackson, Tennessee, were here and secured an option on the bonds for 97 cents on the dollar, with the understanding that his company would meet all expenses incident to the sale. Mayor N. D. Walker and the city board held out strong for par. In the mean time the company offered all the way from 92 up with the understanding that the city should meet the expenses incident to the sale. Mayor Walker and associates refused to consider any such deal until the matter reached the stage where the purchaser agreed to meet all expense incident to the sale. They saw at once that such a deal meant in fact that the bonds were selling slightly above par. The bonds are to bear interest at the rate of six percent and to be paid semi-annually, April and October.

Finally an option was given Tigrett & Company for ten days at 97 cents and on the conditions named. Friday afternoon Mayor Walker received a telegram from Tigrett & Company saying that they would exercise their option on the bonds. Friday night being the regular meeting time of the board of aldermen the question was taken up and it was unanimously agreed to sell the bonds according to option. Later Mayor Walker received a letter from Tigrett & Company confirming the telegram. It is expected the money will be available within ten days or two weeks from the date the option was exercised.

Building Site

For some time Mayor Walker and the city board had been looking for a suitable site for the building. It was finally decided that the best and most feasible location was a tract of twenty acres lying just west of the corporate limits and adjoining the property known as the Old Ball ground recently purchased from S. W. Rose by G. E. Harrison. This particular twenty acres belonged to Ernest Hale. G. E. Harrison went to Mr. Hale Saturday and closed a deal with him for \$2,000 for the twenty acres. Mr. Harrison then generously allowed the city school board to assume his place in the deal, without any advance in the price. This is generally regarded a very generous act on the part of Mr. Harrison as he could readily have sold the property for \$500 to \$1,000 more than he paid for it. But true to his general spirit of broad citizenship and strong desire to see the town move forward along the best possible lines for growth and development, he did not consider for a moment the sacrifice he was making, but felt that, in fact, his generous act would result in great material benefit to him later as the town grows.

Mayor Walker has been giving much thought to the idea of a proper school building, advantageously located and with such room for expansion as would meet the needs of the town for many years to come. He had consulted repeatedly with other school people who had handled similar projects and from them he evolved the idea of the twenty acre tract that would provide ample room for school facilities for many years to come. When he presented the idea to the aldermen and the members of the city school board, it met with an instant approval and resulted in the deal being carried through as above outlined.

The mayor and board of aldermen have now completed their labors on the school project and it rests with the city school board to complete the work and erect the building. The City school board consists of A. J.

OFFICIAL PRIMARY VOTE GIVES POWEL 73

Official Count Loses Powel Nine Votes So That His Majority Is Only 73.

The Republican sub-committee met in the County Court Clerk's office at noon Monday and canvassed the vote of the primary election held Saturday, April 1. The official count resulted in a slight change in the totals. R. A. Powel, the successful candidate for the nomination for Trustee lost nine votes, which made his majority only 73 instead of 82, as given in these columns last week as compiled from the unofficial vote.

The Crossville precinct rolled up the largest republican vote ever cast, a total of 436. Crab Orchard came second with a vote of 207, which was heavy for that precinct. Numerous other precincts voted rather light. However, the total vote was 1,766 as against 1,703. Following is the vote by precincts.

VOTE BY PRECINCTS

Of the Republican Primary Election Held April 1, 1922, to Select a Candidate for Trustee.

Precinct	Bunch	Powel	Derrick	Total
Crossville e.	257	106	73	436
Creston	7	28	12	47
Pomona	13	12	15	40
Dorton	16	1	11	28
Crab Orchard	56	58	93	207
Ozone	6	5	44	55
Daysville	2	27	54	83
Grassy Cove	3	36	7	46
Burke	13	47	29	89
Vandover	57	69	10	145
Burress	40	67	20	127
Clifty	16	21	7	44
Pleasant Hill	8	1	10	19
Isoline	36	67	4	107
Genesis	18	37	0	55
Mayland	22	28	10	60
Linary	45	29	2	76
Forest Hill	13	19	1	33
Jewett	0	20	0	20
Hebbertsburg	0	20	22	42
Flat Rock	1	4	3	8
Total	629	702	436	1766

McGuire, Mrs. Lavada Black and G. E. Harrison.

Community Center.

The acquiring of the twenty acres embraces the idea of moving the county high school from its present location on Main street to this site near the city school, within the next few years. The seating capacity of the high school building is only ninety. It is recognized that if the town and county grows and develops as we have every reason to expect, the present building will be entirely too small to accommodate the students within a few years. That will mean a large and more modern building must be built and the most logical place would be on the grounds near where the city school will stand.

That would present an opportunity for Crossville to acquire the present high school building for a town hall and when the crowds are more than it will accommodate the city school or high school building will be available. That would tend to in a marked degree render the two school buildings and the grounds something of a civic center for Crossville and surrounding section to say nothing of the county as a whole.

Aside from room for buildings there will be room for a ball park and other amusement features of a similar character. This may be regarded as a rather large program, but it is neither improbable nor impossible, and because of those facts, the wisdom and broad judgment of those who have handled the project stands out the more strongly, and should meet with the hearty approval of the people of Crossville generally.

PLAN TO REDUCE NAVY TO ONLY 65,000 MEN

Only 200 of 535 Annapolis Graduates of This Year to Receive Commissions.

The 1923 naval bill carrying out the 5-5-3 ration was reported Saturday to the house.

It carries a total of \$233,224,000, or

ROCKWOOD POSTMASTER DIES OF INDIGESTION

Passed Away Last Wednesday About Noon; Found Dead in Bed By His Wife.

Hammond Fowler, aged 59, died at his home, Rockwood, Wednesday about noon of acute indigestion. Remains were interred at Rockwood Thursday afternoon.

For a little over a week he had been suffering at times with severe attacks of indigestion and on one or two occasions grave fears were entertained for his recovery. However, by Wednesday morning he was so much improved that he insisted that his wife go to her duties as teacher in the Rockwood high school. She left a colored boy with him and left for her duties reluctantly. The colored boy brought him his mail and asked Mr. Fowler if he could do anything for him. He stated that he required nothing but that after looking over his mail he would lie down and sleep awhile. He went to his room and the colored boy remained awaiting his call for any service he might be able to render. When Mrs. Fowler returned home at noon she went to his room and found him dead. How long he had been dead there was no way of knowing, but it was thought he had been dead for an hour or longer. He was laying as though he had passed away without any struggle and his countenance was calm and peaceful.

No man in Rockwood was more highly esteemed than "Ham" Fowler, as he was familiarly called by his friends. He was reared at Lynchburg, Va., but came to Rockwood many years ago and served for more than a dozen years as agent for the Queen & Crescent railway and was so engaged when he was appointed postmaster in 1915. He was reappointed in 1919 and his last term of office would have expired in 1923. He was president of the Times Printing Company, which publishes the Rockwood Times. He had given considerable time to the newspaper and would very likely have taken full charge and have directed the destinies when his term as postmaster expired had he lived. He had so intimated to the editor of the Chronicle last summer. He was a fine business man, broad and generous in his views kept his affairs in splendid condition, was of a very kindly nature and was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and he numbered his friends and acquaintances by thousands throughout this section as well as over Roane county.

He was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of the late J. C. Pope. She passed away some twenty years ago. His second wife was Miss Zoe Leland, daughter of Mrs. E. H. Leland, well known writer of short stories as well as several books touching the home.

Two children were born to the last marriage: Hammond Fowler, Jr., and Miss Emily, both of whom are students of the State University, Knoxville.

Rockwood sustained a severe loss in his death and hundreds of persons throughout this section as well as Roane and adjoining counties will deeply regret his untimely death.

\$181,000,000 less than appropriated last year. There remains to be appropriated in a separate measure later, however, about \$60,000,000, estimated by the Navy Department as the cost of cancellation of contracts for ships not completed and ordered scrapped.

Briefly this is what the bill does: Cuts the enlisted personnel from 95,000 to 65,000, plus 2,000 apprentices. Leaves the officer total substantially intact, except for the dropping of 389 reserve officers on active duty.

Authorizes commissions for only 200 of the 535 first class men at Annapolis, to be graduated in June.

Lays up 254 vessels "of nondescript character."

Eighteen battleships are allotted to the United States under the naval treaty. In rounding out a fleet, the bill reduces the number of destroyers in commission from 278 to 103; authorizes 84 submarines, all the cruisers and lighter auxiliary craft.

Out of the 67,000 enlisted personnel it provides \$50,000 for ships afloat.

Marine Corps Kept.

Provides for the same number of officers in marine corps and 19,500 enlisted men, a reduction of less than 1,000. This number, the navy advised by the committee, will be cut to 17,500 with the withdrawal in the next year of 2,000 Marines from Santo Domingo, who will not re-enlist.

HORDES HAVE INVADDED MUSCLE SHOALS SECTION

Much Property Has Changed Hands Along Twenty-five Mile Stretch of River Front.

With the interest of the nation fixed for months on Muscle Shoals, an influx of people to the district has constituted a problem that has taxed the ingenuity of town and civic authorities.

Agitation of the potential strength of "the South's Niagara," and the possibilities that were expected to be speedily fulfilled in event of development of the latent war project, turned a veritable stream of humanity in search of El Dorado. Folks came on foot, in horse carts, in motor cars, in day coaches and in palatial drawing rooms. There were men with money seeking investments; men in overalls hunting work. There were adventurers looking for anything they might find. Some spent money lavishly; others were wards of the community and had to be fed.

The problems at once became so grave that the town authorities of Florence, Sheffield and Tuscumbia—municipalities composing the district's "tri-cities"—sent out a warning. "Stay away from Muscle Shoals unless you come on legitimate business and have an engagement in advance."

This stopped some of the fortune hunters but yet they came. The first offer for the government's property caused complete metamorphosis of the district. The community was stunned when war work was stopped the day the armistice was signed. Putting machinery in "bandy" condition was a symbol of dissipated hopes. But the resultant somnolent condition was re-awakened over night when the word went forth: Muscle Shoals is to be developed. Everybody in the district believed that a bid meant other bids, and that competitors in the field would result in acknowledgement by the government that Muscle Shoals would not be scrapped.

The people of the district formed the policy of extending a welcoming hand to builders and the real estate boards of the three cities declared that reality prices should not ascend beyond reasonable levels. These boards, it is stated, have largely controlled the prices of real estate. A few speculators edged in, however, and small tracts of undesirable land have been optioned and sold at figures not within the bounds set by the realty association. It is asserted, too, that actual cheating and faking has trapped but few persons. There are no swamps or low lands in the region the realtors declare, but some of the property offered is situated many miles from the Tennessee River and the nitrate plant.

Much property is said to have changed hands over a stretch of territory along the river for a distance of twenty-five miles. The State of Michigan, it is said, has furnished more buyers than all the other states combined with the possible exception of Alabama. Town lots have sold at from a few hundred dollars to \$10,000. Farm land contiguous to the towns has brought from \$50 to \$125 an acre. Many of these nearby farm tracts have been optioned or purchased with a view to subdividing in event of looked for developments.

Authorities of the tri-cities say the three municipalities will constitute the hub from which will radiate one of the industrial miracles of the age, no matter who the successful bidder may be for the government property.

Extravagant stories circulated concerning conditions in the district brought out "The Muscle Shoals Book" indorsed by town and civic organizations and edited by one of the community's leading ministers. It sets forth authentic data for "those who have the vision and courage to build themselves into the certain development of the Muscle Shoals territory. The municipal woodpile at Sheffield has afforded scores of adventurers the opportunity of a square meal.

So burdensome became the task of feeding the jobless that the town in cooperation with the Red Cross hit upon the no-work, no-soup plan and it worked. Every man who wanted food and shelter chopped wood. As a result many householders burned wood and scores of hungry men were fed.

Miss Antoinette Jackson was home from Harriman for the week-end.

Word has just been received that twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Haworth, St. Joseph, Michigan, Monday. Mrs. Haworth will be pleasantly remembered as Miss Winifred Loshbough.

CHARGED WITH KILLING CAUGHT BY OFFICERS

George Phillips Caught Near Hanging Limb, Putnam County and Brought to Crossville.

It will be remembered that George Phillips was charged with having shot his step-father, John Webb, to death November 18, of last year at a point near Plateau, Phillips is charged with having entered the home of John Webb and shot him eight times killing him instantly. Phillips made his escape at the time.

Last Friday John D. Wyatt and Thomas Cooper, deputies under Sheriff G. W. Walker, arrested Phillips near Hanging Limb, Overton county, and brought him to Crossville and he was promptly lodged in jail to await the action of the grand jury at the June term of Circuit court.

It will be remembered that it was charged at the time that Phillips had made the statement to certain parties that he intended to kill Webb because Webb had severely whipped a smaller brother of Phillips, who was living with Webb and wife. Mrs. Webb being the mother of Phillips. After talking to certain parties of what he intended to do it is charged that he went at once to the home of Webb and carried out his threat by killing Webb with a pistol. Just how much truth there is in the numerous rumors we do not know, but the fact does remain that Webb was shot to death.

TO LOSE GOOD MAN.

L. R. Neel, who own and operates a farm a few miles from Mayland, has been engaged by the state to take charge of the West Tennessee agricultural experiment station.

Mr. Neel has for several years been associate editor of the Southern Agriculturist, is recognized as one of the most capable agriculturists of the state. For a few years he has been developing a farm near Mayland and his experience has given him unbounded confidence in the possibilities of this soil and he feels that there is a great agricultural future for this mountain section. While he will retain his interests in this county, the greater part of his time will necessarily be devoted to the West Tennessee state farm. In his going away our county loses a very valuable man along agricultural development lines and a most excellent citizen as well. It is with much regret that those who know him best will see him leave this county.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION TO BAR APPOINTED.

Judge Sanford has designated H. S. Barnes and E. H. Boyd, of Cookeville bar, and E. G. Tollett, of the Crossville bar, as a standing committee before whom applicants must appear for examination before being admitted to practice in the Federal court at Cookeville.

The appointment of Judge Tollett on so important a committee is very fitting for he has long been recognized as one of the leading lawyers of this section and of the state. Doubtless the other gentlemen are equally well qualified.

MRS. H. E. PARTRIDGE DEAD.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Norwalk Call, published at Norwalk, California, announcing the death of Mrs. H. E. Partridge, March 26. Had she lived until July 4, she would have been 73 years old. She had suffered severely for more than a year and her death was not unexpected. She will be remembered by numerous persons here with love and kindness for she was very active in church work for many years while her husband was pastor here and Pomona for the Congregational church. Rev. Partridge sustained a stroke of paralysis something over a year ago and is in feeble health also. The deepest sympathy of numerous old friends will go out to Rev. Partridge in his sore bereavement.

GET YOUR MONEY!

I have the money in my hands for paying those who helped to hold the Republican primary election April 1, and am ready to pay it to the proper persons. If you want the money sent to you send a self-addressed and stamped envelope and we will send check.

S. C. BISHOP, Secretary.